

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Sheriff - Coroner	(2) MEETING DATE 10/20/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Ian Parkinson/781-4540	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of Inmate Welfare Fund Statement of Operations for FY 2014-15. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION  The Sheriff - Coroner requests the Board of Supervisors receive and file the attached "Statement of Operations" for the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____ )			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR)  N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP  N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT?  No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: <u>5/5/2015</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S)  All Districts			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sheriff - Coroner / Ian Parkinson/781-4540

DATE: 10/20/2015

SUBJECT: Submittal of Inmate Welfare Fund Statement of Operations for FY 2014-15. All Districts.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Sheriff - Coroner requests the Board of Supervisors receive and file the attached "Statement of Operations" for the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund.

## **DISCUSSION**

Per California Penal Code Section 4025 an Inmate Welfare Fund (IWF) is mandated to provide services essential to the benefit, welfare and educational needs of the inmates confined in the County Jail. Penal Code Section 4025(a) authorizes the Sheriff of each county to establish, maintain and operate a commissary in connection with the county jail and supply food, snacks, postage, writing materials, and toiletries items to sell for cash to inmates in the jail. Penal Code Section 4025 (e) requires the Sheriff to submit annually an itemized report of expenditures to the Board of Supervisors.

The inmate commissary is one of two primary sources of revenue for the IWF. In addition, telephone commissions are collected from collect calls made by inmates from the jail. These revenues are placed in an "Inmate Welfare Trust Fund" with authority for expenditures from this fund restricted to the Sheriff primarily for the benefit, education, and welfare of the inmates confined within the jail.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Services provided to the inmates are paid from the Inmate Welfare Fund at no cost to the County. The fund balance carried forward from FY 2013-14 in the amount of \$292,973, combined with \$317,251 in net FY 2014-15 revenues resulted in \$610,224 in fund balance available for the year. Total FY 2014-15 operating expenditures were \$262,310, plus \$23,082 in accounts payable clearing accounts for a total of \$285,392, resulting in an FY 2014-15 ending fund balance available of \$324,832. This reflected an increase in fund balance available for FY 2015-16 in the amount of \$31,859. See attached Inmate Welfare "Statement of Operations" detailing how the funds were spent in FY 2014-15.

## **RESULTS**

During the FY 2014-15, the Inmate Welfare Fund continued to promote behavioral and medical health services. Exit medication in the amount of \$41,790 was provided to 284 inmates for 597 medication scripts, reflecting an average cost of \$147 per inmate and \$70 per script. The Sheriff's Office is committed in providing a ten day supply of psychotropic medication to mentally ill jail inmates who are released into the community. The continuance of psychotropic medication should allow for a stabilizing effect until the offender/patient is admitted to a community program. This practice assists the individual in resuming a normal life and ultimately reduces the burden of mentally ill patients on the criminal justice system.

Salaries and benefits in the amount of \$91,805 were paid from the Inmate Welfare Fund. This was for Storekeepers who

operate the inmate commissary.

Inmate Welfare Funds allowed for the following purchases, reducing health and safety issues for the inmates and liability to the county:

1. Cost free transportation was provided to 2,960 inmates (this includes bus, and taxi transportation) being released from the county jail. It is the policy to provide transportation to indigent inmates released from the county jail.
2. Approximately \$35,659 was spent to procure legal reference material for inmates, providing inmates with required access to current and updated legal resources.
3. The Female Honor Farm was moved from the Modular Units to the barracks located near the Men's Honor Farm. A video surveillance system was installed, in the amount of \$10,875 to provide comprehensive monitoring and a heightened level of safety for inmates and staff. The additional cameras improved visual coverage of both the interior and exterior of the building. This enabled staff to better monitor inmate activity in common areas where inmates convene. Video surveillance also helps reduce incidents of assaults/violence, drug/contraband smuggling into the facility from the outside and is a valuable resource for investigations.
4. Approximately \$8,892 was spent to purchase detention grade shelves allowing inmates the ability to store personal items in designated areas instead of on cell bars or on the ground. Items on the floor or on cell bars created problems by reducing visibility into the cell and unnecessary clutter. Inmates now have the ability to maintain their personal items on shelves and hang towels or clothing instead of leaving items in common areas.
5. Funds in the amount of \$29,859 allowed inmates to receive educational and vocational training. Our goal is to provide targeted activities that reduce an inmate's likelihood to reoffend, and to assist inmates in their transition to the community by offering reentry planning that includes direct linkages to key services. To that end, the Sheriff's Office engages with community agencies and organizations that provide programs, services, and activities designed to address an array of needs. We purchase direct services, curriculum, supplies and materials for numerous classes and activities. The table below summarizes these programs and services.

<b>INMATE EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING</b>
GED Program
Basic Education and English as a second language
Thinking for Change
Education Tutoring Services (Prep GED)
Vocational Welding Program
Parenting Classes
Sociology Class - Incarceration and Society
Yoga and Meditation Classes
Alternative to Violence Program
Job Readiness Workshops
Mentoring and Re-Entry Assistance
Addiction and Recovery Programs
Vet to Vet Mentoring
Jail to Jobs Workshop
Spiritual Counseling
Art and Music Classes
Vocational Computer Training

Educational programs like GED, Education Tutoring Services and Basic Education, help inmates develop foundational knowledge and skills in reading, math and written expression. Inmates are also provided programs like Art, Music, Yoga and Meditation, to enhance their general knowledge of various subjects and promotes the acquisition of positive leisure time skills and a healthy lifestyle. Vocational programs offer inmates the chance to learn or improve marketable job skills. It also alleviates tension in the housing unit, promotes communication, and increases an inmate's sense of

accomplishment and ability. An example, women inmates at the Honor Farm were provided instruction, equipment and materials to create handcrafted lap quilts, teddy bears and afghans that were donated to different non-profit organizations that serve our community.

During the past fiscal year the average daily jail population was 678 and 11,382 people were booked into the county jail.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. FY 14-15 Statement of Operations
2. FY 14-15 Operating Statement